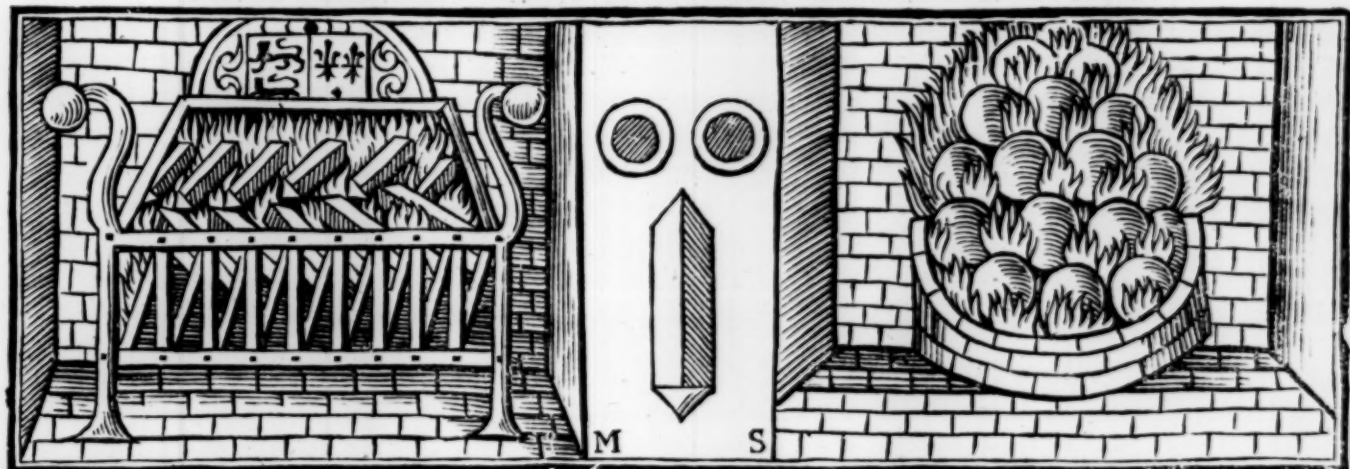


A most Excellent offer of a certaine Inuention for a newv kind of fire, being both Cheape and Good, and most neces- sary for all men, especially in these deare times of Fuell.



Reader, in this hard time for fiering, let him be well esteemed that shal bring thee Coales good cheape; I dare say if thou wert at Sea likely to perish in a sinking Ship, thou wouldst for euer loue that man which would bring a boate for thee to saue thy life with: So now thou wantest fiering to warme thee and dresse thy food, thinke not ill of those two worthies, that here bring thee fire at a cheape rate, onely let me be but accounted as a bellows to blow those two fires to be of more esteeme. For Art often times brings that to passe, which strength cannot; we see daily the experience; as by fire and powder, a Bullet carried with more strength and vigor, then any man can sling or throw; So in like manner thou shalt here by thy practise see and find, that experience, which shall giue thee full content. This fire was first found out by a most worthy Gentleman Mr. Hugh Platte, sometimes of *Lincolnes Inne*, (in the yeare of our Lord God 1594.) a famous Artist, and by him a shadow of it shewed to the world, in his book intituled, *The Iewel-house of Art and Nature*; wherein he kept this Iewel secret, and so preferred it, till it pleased Mr. Gosling, Gentleman and Artist, of late to vnlocke that rich Cabinet, and to shew it to the whole world; who of his meere loue, without coueting of a Patent, hath for the good of the Poore and Rich, shewed it at full in ample manner to giue all content and comfort; Sir Hugh Platts fire being a round fire most fit to boyle, Mr. Goslings being both fit to boyle and roste; both which fires I haue here shewed to the world, with the great benefits. For the benefits, it saues as M. Gosling affirms, in two Chaldren of coales, one load and a halfe; and I am certaine vpon my owne experience, that I haue made tryall he speakes the truth, and that very sparingly too; for I verily beleue, that were these bals made in Summer and kept dry, it would be far more excellent, then to be vsed wet. And that he speakes of, it is for certaine, that in 4 Chaldren there may be saued 3 load, which at thirty shillings a Chaldren, 4 Chaldren coms to six pounds, and there may bee saued in that, forty five shillings, which I thinke being cast vp, in Brewhouses, Dyehouses, Bakers, Cookes and priuate houses, would rise to a large summe in a yeare. Therefore I first haue set downe the worth of it, and then next the vses and goodnesse of it.

1. For the worth of it, I referre it to your iudgement, to what value it will amount vnto yeerely for gaine.
2. It is sweeter in burning, and beautifull, being made in good forme.
3. It is durable and lasting, and no losse at all.
4. It is no way offensive, either in smoke or scinder:
5. It will employ many thousands of mamed Souldiers, and poore fatherlesse children, and thus might our poor idle children be employed to worke, to serue the Citie store, and parish Churches stocks of coales.
6. It will preferue Timber for Ships and building.
7. It will make all Char-coale, Billets, and Fagots, cheape.
8. The benefit of setting many thousands at worke, would be a meanes that there might be no beggers.

The manner to make it M. Gosling hath set downe. Take stiffe mortar *alias* loame without sand, and soften it well with water. Vnto one bulhell of mortar, put two bulbels of the smallest Sea-coales, and worke them all together with a shouell, or such like, and then roule the stuffe so wrought together, into round bals, or into roules like to a Weauers shuttle; and then you may pile them in handsome manner like the pictures to make your fire: In the open places you may if you please pricke your great Coales, for your great Coales must be broken small if you worke them with the Loame, and you may make these, and as soone as they be made into bals or roules, you may make presently a fire with them although they be wet, but they be the better to be vsed dry, there need be no losse at all, for the least peece of it will burne to the last if it be cast on againe.

For your Chamber fire, the best is if it bee mingled with Small-coale and Char-coale, I alwaies aduise you, not to lay your bals or roules to close, but so that the ayre may get in. These may bee made in moulds as you make bricke if you please; but I hold a three square mould best, and a round, as here you may see the forme. So I rest thy well wisher.